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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed November 15, 2005 with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Since this response is submitted within two-months of the date of mailing (namely, by January 15, 2005), expedited procedure after final is requested. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.